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SUBJECT: INTEROPERABILITY OF AIRCRAFT-RELEASED LASER-
GUIDED WEAPONS

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1. WE CONCUR WITH THE LABERGE PROPOSAL OF GIVING PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO INTEROPERABILITY OF AIRCRAFT-RELEASED LASER-GUIDED WEAPONS. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE OPTION. COCKPIT DISPLAY AND AIRCRAFT INTERFACE PROBLEMS ARE MINIMAL AS COMPARED TO OTHER ELCTRO-OPTICAL GUIDED WEAPONS SYSTEMS. WE SHOULD SEEK A LEVEL OF INTEROPERABILITY THAT WOULD ALLOW AIRCRAFT OF ONE
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NATION TO LASER DESIGNATE FOR AIRCRAFT OF ANOTHER NATION AND TO BE ABLE TO USE PRECISION GUIDED WEAPONS OF ANOTHER NATION. STANDARDIZATION OF INTERFACE ITEMS SUCH AS PLUGS, PINS, CONNECTORS, SUSPENSION LUGS AND ADAPTORS AT THIS STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR ACHIEVING INTEROPERABILITY OF LASER GUIDED WEAPONS.

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2. AS WE SEE IT, THERE ARE FIVE OPTIONS FOR IMPLE-
MENTING THIS PROPOSAL, ALL OF WHICH NEED FURTHER

EXAMINATION BY MISSION AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF:

(1) SEPARATE SUBGROUP OF THE NAFAG
(2) WORKING GROUP UNDER SUBGROUP 9
(3) WORKING GROUP UNDER THE NEW SUBGROUP ASSUMING
THE AHC WG/2 TASKS
(4) INTERSERVICE LASER INTEROPERABILITY WORKING GROUP
UNDER THE MAS
(5) MAS AIR ARMAMENTS WORKING PARTY

3. IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOMMEND AN OPTION NOT
KNOWING HOW IT WILL IMPACT ON OTHER NATIONS; HOWEVER,
UNLESS OTHER ARGUMENTS SURFACE WE LEAN TOWARD ONE OF
THE TWO MAS BODIES MOST APPROPRIATE. IF THERE IS
TIME, MISSION MAY WANT TO APPRISE ASYG LABERGE OF THESE
OPTIONS PRIOR TO THE 20 JUNE NADREP MEETING.

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